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Applicants : Masakatsu KANEKO et al.
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OLIGONUCLEOTIDE ANALOGUES
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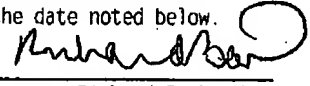
A. Reply to Reasons For Allowance

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ALLOWANCE set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability
mailed July 26, 2007, which is reproduced as follows:

"The closest prior art Wengel et al. (US
6,794,499) teaches general structure IIa in
which one embodiment is a structure wherein
R²* and R⁴* are bridged via an -OCH₂CH₂-group,
which is the same as the compound instantly
claimed."

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